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LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-33 (Canceled).

34. (Currently amended) A weather strip comprising an extruded body having straight sections and a corner section curving therebetween, said extruded body comprising an attachment portion and a hollow sealing portion, the attachment portion being configured for attachment to a flange; wherein the corner section of the extruded body comprises

~~a cut-off part being made on an opening defined in a wall of said hollow sealing portion along the corner section, wherein the opening is formed by removal of a part of the wall of said hollow sealing portion,~~

said attachment portion being curved along the corner section, and

~~a corner-shaped molded part being formed by filling a molding material into the cut-off sealing portion opening;~~

wherein said weather strip further comprises

~~a reinforcing portion for maintaining curved shape which prevents transformation of said corner-shaped molded part due to the recovery of the straight shape of the corner section a curvature of the corner section, wherein the reinforcing portion prevents the corner section from recovering its original straightness.~~

35. (Previously presented) A weather strip according to claim 34, wherein
said reinforcing portion for maintaining curved shape is formed on a surface of said attachment portion.

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36. (Currently amended) A weather strip according to claim 35, wherein said reinforcing portion for maintaining curved shape is integrally formed on the surface of said attachment portion by ~~an a resin injection molding from a hard resin~~, said reinforcing portion for maintaining curved shape extending along a curving direction of said corner section.

37. (Previously presented) A weather strip according to claim 34, wherein said reinforcing portion for maintaining curved shape is formed on the back side of said corner-shaped molded part as a curved reinforcing rib.

38. (Previously presented) A weather strip according to claim 37, wherein said reinforcing rib is integrally formed on said molded part when the corner-shaped molded part is molded, said reinforcing rib comprising at least two reinforcing ribs extending along a curving direction of said corner section.

39. (New) A weather strip comprising an extruded body, wherein
the extruded body includes two straight sections and a corner section,
the corner section curves and extends between the straight sections, and the corner section is bent from a section of the extruded body that was originally straight,
the extruded body includes an attachment portion and a hollow sealing portion,
the attachment portion is configured for attachment to a flange, and a U-shaped metal insert is located within the attachment portion,

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the corner section of the extruded body includes an opening defined in a wall of the hollow sealing portion, and the opening is formed by removal of a part of the wall of the hollow sealing portion,

the attachment portion is curved along the corner section,

a corner-shaped molded part is formed on the corner section by filling a molding material into the opening,

the weather strip further comprises a reinforcing portion for maintaining the curvature of the corner-shaped molded part, wherein the reinforcing portion prevents the corner section from recovering its original straightness.

40. (New) A weather strip according to claim 39, wherein the reinforcing portion for maintaining curved shape is formed on a surface of the attachment portion.

41. (New) A weather strip according to claim 40, wherein the reinforcing portion is formed on the surface of the attachment portion by resin injection molding, and the reinforcing portion extends in a curving direction of the corner section.

42. (New) A weather strip according to claim 39, wherein the reinforcing portion is formed on a back side of the corner-shaped molded part as a curved reinforcing rib.

43. (New) A weather strip according to claim 39, wherein the reinforcing portion is attached to the attachment portion in close proximity to the metal insert.

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44. (New) A weather strip according to claim 39, wherein the molded portion is made of a soft TPE material, and the reinforcing portion is made of a hard resin derived from polyolefin.